

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1 and 3-7. Cancel Claim 2. Add new Claim 8. The changes are shown with ~~strike-throughs~~ for deleted matter and underlining for added matter. A complete listing of the claims is set out below with proper claim identifiers.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of separating ergosterol from a solution containing ergosterol in water-insoluble organic solvent[[.]], which comprises supplying water to said solution and precipitating ergosterol and an amount of water supplied is within such a range of amount that no phase separation to form two liquid phases occurs between the water-insoluble organic solvent and water.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the solution containing ergosterol in the water-insoluble organic solvent is a solution extracted from a microorganism containing the ergosterol using the water-insoluble organic solvent, or a solution obtained by extracting ergosterol from the microorganism using another solvent and then replacing said another solvent with the water-insoluble organic solvent.
4. (Currently Amended) The method according to any one of claim 1, wherein the water-insoluble organic solvent is hexane, heptane, octane, or a mixture thereof.
5. (Currently Amended) The method according to any one of claim 1, wherein the supplying water is conducted by continuously or intermittently moisturizing a gas phase portion within an apparatus for precipitating ergosterol.
6. (Currently Amended) The method according to any one of claim 1, wherein the ergosterol is separated by precipitation as an aggregate having a crystallinity of 50% to 90%, and the crystallinity is an amount of crystal component in the aggregate by measuring water of hydration by thermogravimetric analysis.
7. (Currently Amended) An ergosterol aggregate having a crystallinity of 50% of to 90%, wherein the crystallinity is an amount of crystal component in the aggregate by measuring water of hydration by thermogravimetric analysis.

8. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the ergosterol is precipitated by a cooling crystallization.